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RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROPRIETORS, \$7,500,000

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JOHN WALTER, Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 28, 1886. 947

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1. or more than \$200 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, at the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
JOHN WALTER, Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, June 7, 1887. 764

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. A-SING, late Proprietor of the "I-SING" SHOULDER SHOP, No. 23, Graham Street, has died in the country. His widow has sold the ENTIRE BUSINESS, STOCK-IN-TRADE, FURNITURE, &c., &c., belonging to the Deceased, to the undersigned, who, from the 11th instant, will carry on the same Business, under the name of "A-SING," and Notice is hereby given that He is Not Responsible for any Debts contracted by the late Proprietor or his Shop.

JOHN SHING, A-SING, Proprietor.
Hongkong, February 14, 1887. 262

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. ED. MILLER to SIGN BILLS OF LADING in our Name from this date.

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, November 29, 1886. 2274

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL ENTER INTO PARTNERSHIP on the 1st January 1887, with SHANE and GENERAL BROKERS, under the Style or Firm of "HUGHES & EZRA."

E. JONES HUGHES, N. J. EZRA.
Hongkong, December 31, 1886. 2493

Intimations.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1165.

A Regular Meeting of the above LODGE will be held in the PERSEVERANCE HALL, Zealand Street, on SATURDAY, the 19th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. Visiting BRETHREN are cordially invited.

Hongkong, February 12, 1887. 252

HONGKONG FLOWER SHOW.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION will be held in the Botanic Gardens, on THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, the 17th and 18th February, 1887.

ALL EXHIBITS must be entered not later than the 14th Instant, and PLANTS in Pots should be sent in on the 16th Instant.

Admission:—First Day, \$1; Second Day, 20 Cents.

Tickets for the First Day may be obtained from LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. The Gates will be open at 2 p.m.

Schedules of Prizes can be obtained from CHARLES FORD, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, February 5, 1887. 202

HONGKONG AND CHINA BAKERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, on FRIDAY, the 18th Instant, at 4.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1886, and for the election of a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, February 11, 1887. 242

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 5 (SPECIAL).

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

WHERE OF THE CHINESE TRANSPORT "WAN NIEN CHING."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Temporary Lightship "Ching Tai" has been moved about 5 Miles to the North-Eastward of the Wreck of the Chinese Transport "Wan Nien Ching," which lies in 3 fathoms at low water spring tides 7 1/2 nautical miles S. 26° 24' E. from the "Lightship."

The "Ching Tai" exhibits two fixed Lights, in a vertical line, the upper one red and the lower one white, elevated respectively 58 feet and 24 feet above the sea and visible in clear weather at a distance of 5 nautical miles.

A small white Light is exhibited from the fore-top, 6 feet above the rail, to show the direction in which the Lightship is heading.

The Lightship is painted black. Her Main-top-mast has a yard across, from which the two Lights are suspended, and it is surrounded by an inverted cone, painted black. The Fore and Main Topmasts are struck.

In foggy or thick weather a gong will be sounded at intervals of one minute.

If the Lightship be driven from her proper position to one where she is of no use as a guide to shipping, the usual Lights will not be exhibited, but a small fixed red Light will be shown at each end of the vessel; the Cone will be struck as soon as possible and till struck it will be surrounded by a red flag.

Caution:—Vessels should not pass between the Lightship and the Wreck.

A. M. BISBEE, Coast Inspector.
Imperial Maritime Customs, Coast Inspector's Office, Shanghai, 2nd February, 1887. 251

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Sixth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, Pedder's Street, on TUESDAY, the 22nd Instant, at 4 p.m., to receive a Statement of the Accounts of the Company to 31st December, 1886, and the Report of the General Managers, also to discuss any matters that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to 22nd Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, February 9, 1887. 232

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, on TUESDAY, the 22nd Instant, at 4 p.m., to receive a Statement of the Accounts of the Company to 31st December, 1886, and the Report of the General Managers, also to discuss any matters that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

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JOHN WALTER, Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 1, 1887. 177

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTRARS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 26th day of February current (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
JOHN WALTER, Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 1, 1887. 178

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.



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JOCKEY WHIPS, SPURS AND RIDING BOOTS.

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AYALA & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, February 12, 1887. 250

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FOR 1887.

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Hongkong, February 11, 1887. 243

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Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1012

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Hongkong, July 19, 1884. 1187

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Hongkong, February 4, 1887. 108

Business Notices.

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Hongkong, September 8, 1886. 1739

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GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

FOR CASH

14 Days only,

Remnants! Remnants!! Remnants!!!

W. POWELL & Co.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Hongkong, January 31, 1887. 174

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eighteenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above-named Company will be held at the Company's Office, situated in Pedder's Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 22nd day of February, 1887, at 12.30 o'clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1886, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that at the same place and in the same day at 12.45 o'clock in the Afternoon or so soon afterwards as the Ordinary Annual Meeting shall be concluded, an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held for the purpose of passing the proposed Resolution.

Should the resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION to a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION.

That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following:—

(a.) The following Article shall be substituted for Article No. 111, namely:—111.—The Reserve Fund shall consist of a sum of not less than \$1,000,000 nor more than \$1,500,000.

(b.) The following Article shall be substituted for Article No. 112, namely:—112.—The Reserve Fund shall consist of a sum of not less than \$1,000,000 nor more than \$1,500,000, and the whole of the profits of such year as the General Managers may (as they are hereby empowered to do) apply in maintaining the Reserve Fund at a sum of not less than \$1,000,000 and less than \$1,500,000 and no part thereof as may from time to time be applied in increasing the said Reserve Fund under Article 112, be divisible amongst the Shareholders generally according to the number of Shares held by each.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 22nd day of February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, January 31, 1887. 171

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighteenth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon of TUESDAY, the 22nd February instant, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1886.

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By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRE, Secretary.
Hongkong, February 4, 1887. 200

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

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" " 1854 A
" " 1854 B
" " 1854 C
Chinese Imp. (Ch. Bank Loan) 1858

9,000 \$	10	all
5,000 \$	10	all
5,000 \$	25	all
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5,000 TL	50	all
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7,000 \$	100	all
3,000 \$	60	all
4,000 \$	80	all
3,800 \$	100	all
1,250 \$	100	\$
50 TL	600	all
7790 \$	600	all
2790 \$	600	all	...	...	...
3180 \$	600	all	...	...	...
2790 \$	600	all	...	...	...

June 30 1886		
451.61	None	\$133 per share
129.30	\$15	\$441 per share, cash
60.00	\$16	\$120 " "
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	None	Tls. 18 "
	None	\$20
	None	\$13 cash, buyers
	None	3 % prem.
	7 %	\$54
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372.95	Winter divd 6 months	\$132, buyers
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30	...	7 % prem.
15	...	3 % prem.
18	...	14 % prem.

The British steam pleasure yacht *Fleece* arrived here last night from Nagasaki. She is the property of Mr. Ralli, and a tour round the world.

The usual Athletic Sports will be going in a month or so. The first will be the sports of the amateurs on tuesday, 12th March. The Police, however, intend to organize sports of the same nature as those which were so last year. A Committee has been to carry out the scheme.

the door during the night. The prisoners went on with their work, but they were not allowed to be going to make a toilet. The soldier put out his hand to stop them. The second prisoner then struck his head with the scrubber, but he was not off the blow. The soldier tried to take hold of this man, but while running he was struck on the back by a barbed wire thrown by the lat defendant and he fell. When he got back to the room all the prisoners had disappeared. The prisoners asked for permission from the Mass-Sergeant to go to their rice and that the company sergeant and chased them. A letter was received from the Sergeant, stating

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.										FEBRUARY 15, 1898.	
Stocks.	(Nos. of Shares)	Value.	Paid-up.	POSITION PER LAST REPORT.	Reserve.	Balance, Future.	Last Dividend.	Closing Quotations, Cash.			
BANKS.											
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	£ 12½	all	\$ 4,500,000 For capital nationalized.	\$ 111,760.34	\$ 22 div. 1 year to June 30, '96	150 % prem., buyers				
INSURANCE.											
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	£ 2½	£ 50	Th. 100,000	Th. 405,132.60	Th. 20 p. sh. for 1888	Th. 270 per share				
Yangtze Insurance Company, Ltd.	8,000	£ 2	all	£ 50,000	Th. 3,059.78	34 for 1 year Dec. 31, 1894	Th. 115				
Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd.	10,000	£ 23½	£ 25	£ 875,000	\$ 439,089.41	\$ 31 p. sh. 1894	\$ 185				
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	£ 100	£ 50	£ 188,000	\$ 494,000.00	10 % for 1888	\$ 73 ex div.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	£ 250	£ 50	£ 28,711.00	\$ 2,868,890	6 % for 1885	\$ 160 per share, nominal				
Chung Hing Insurance Co., Limited	1,500	£ 1,300	£ 2½	£ 1,000,000	\$ 293,482.85	\$ 47.60 for 1885	\$ 480				
Leongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	£ 25	£ 50	£ 500,700	\$ 223,811.67	\$ 6 for 1884	\$ 60 per share				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	£ 100	£ 20	£ 17,000	...	...	\$ 30, nominal			
Singapore Insurance Company, Ltd.	40,000	£ 100	£ 20	£ 200,000	£ 75,832.62	...	\$ 30, nominal				
The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	2,000	£ 100	£ 20	£ 200,000	£ 75,832.62	...	\$ 30, nominal				
The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	£ 100	£ 20	£ 200,000	£ 75,832.62	...	\$ 30, nominal				
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.											
H.K. O. and M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	40,000	£ 2	all	\$ 180,000	£ 15,830.74	5 % half year	30 % prem., ex div.				
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	£ 50	all	\$ 142,570.01	£ 115.13	June 30/66	\$ 47				
Indo-China & E. Company, Limited	18,387	£ 11	£ 1½	£ 4,387.6	£ 9.7	for 1885	per				
60,000 shares issued	31,212	£ 11	£ 1½	£ 4,387.6	£ 9.7	for 1885	per				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	3,500	£ 100	all	...	None	...	35 discount				
MISCELLANEOUS.											
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	12,500	£ 12	all	\$ 18,000	£ 6,701.45	7 % half year and 27 bonus for 10 % of 12 ½	\$ 122 ½ prem.				
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited.	3,100	£ 10	all	£ 9,177.31	£ 1,327.31	10 % of 12 ½ bonus for 1 year	\$ 130 per share, buyers				
New Share	1,900	£ 10	£ 7 10	...	...	66 year June 30 1886	\$ 195 per share			
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	3,000	£ 10	all	...	\$ 131.41	June 30 1886	\$ 133 per share				
3,000 shares issued	3,000	£ 10	all	...	...	June 30 1886	\$ 133 per share			
China Sugar Company, Limited	9,000	£ 10	all	...	\$ 15,451.61	None	\$ 144 per share, cash				
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	£ 25	all	...	\$ 1,125.12	...	\$ 120				
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	600	£ 10	all	...	\$ 6,900	...	\$ 58				
Luen Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	£ 10	all	...	\$ 1,094,523	Y	Th. 18				
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	5,000	£ 10	all	...	...	None	\$ 20			
Park Tai Mining & S'ing Co., Ltd.	5,000	£ 6	all	...	...	None	...			
Punjab & Samungie Dus Samatun Mining Co.	40,000	£ 10	£ 6	...	...	None	313 cash, buyers			
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	17,000	£ 100	all	...	...	None	8 % prem.			
H'kong Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	3,000	£ 60	all	...	...	7 %	\$ 54			
H. & M. Glass Manufacturing Co.	4,000	£ 50	all	...	First year	...	60 % discount				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	3,800	£ 100	all	...	\$ 372.95	6 months div.	\$ 133, buyers				
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	£ 100	£ 50	8 % prem.				
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did not give the men permission to leave their work. Defendants were fined \$2 each, with the option of 14 days' hard labour.

There is really nothing whatever that is new in this correspondence, published last night, from Consul Alabaster (of Canton) to the local Government here, regarding the new duties to be collected at the Customs stations outside Hongkong. It had previously been announced by the Hoppo that the new tariff on opium was to be collected at the stations outside the Harbour limits of Hongkong, by the present staff until the 1st of April, on which date the Foreign Customs staff would undertake that duty. Nor is there anything new in the fact of duties being collected at those stations by the Chinese Customs employees, although, to judge by the wording of Consul Alabaster's letter, it might be supposed to be new and startling fact. The Government, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Press of Hongkong have for many years protested against this illegal arrangement, and have frequently pointed out that taxes upon exports have been actually collected in the Colony itself. To these protests it cannot be said that the British Consul at Canton have attached very great weight—indeed, the various stations are believed to have come into existence at the suggestion of one of Consul Alabaster's predecessors. It may, however, be a kindly reminder to the Government here, on the part of H. B. M. Consul at Canton, that these objectionable stations are not regarded by the present occupant of the British Consulate at Canton with that favour with which we have hitherto been accustomed to expect. If this be so, we congratulate Mr. Alabaster, and trust that, when any abuses present themselves for redress, at the 'stations for collection of export duties on merchandise carried out of the Colony,' the present British Consul will heartily aid the local Government and the Chamber of Commerce in obtaining speedy satisfaction.

H.M.S. corvette *Cleopatra* arrived at Singapore on the 7th instant from Nagasaki direct.

The Italian corvette *Rapido*, Captain Cravino, arrived at Singapore on the 8th instant from Tonquin, and exchanged salutes with Fort Canby. The *Rapido* has gone to Singapore to meet His Excellency Signor De Luca, Italian Minister to China and Japan, who was expected at Singapore on the 10th inst. Mr. De Luca is on his way to a diplomatic mission to His Majesty the King of Siam. His Excellency will be accompanied by the popular Italian Consul, the Marquis de Gozzetto.

The following is a translation by the *Strait Times* from a Netherlands India paper—The investigations into the causes and nature of beri-beri conducted in Achen by Dr. Bugeon, a Japanese medical officer, aided by Dr. C. J. J. van der Schueren, a Dutch physician, have resulted in proving that the disease must be deemed a disease brought on by small organisms; and that these organisms are bacilli, which bear most resemblance to *anthrax* bacilli, but are smaller than they. Set that they are found in the blood, lungs, heart, and nervous tissue of persons who had died of beri-beri; 4th, that they can also be reared outside the body; and 5th, that the bacilli which live parasitically in the human body, can also live and multiply outside the body. These established facts explain the circumstances how it comes about that beri-beri patients infect particular localities, and that quite healthy and strong individuals coming from wholly healthy places, are attacked by the disease when they happen to be quartered in these buildings or premises. Wooden buildings are especially liable to infection, and brick houses are not exempt. There is no known instance of the conveyance of the disease from one person to another, but fatal infection by wearing apparel has been evidenced. The infectious matter doubtless finds its way into the human body through the organs of breathing. Inefficient food is only a secondary cause. The circumstance that distilled water is drunk in Achen, shows that the spread of the disease cannot be ascribed to bad drinking water. Particular premises may be strongly infected, while others in their immediate neighbourhood are wholly exempt, but all premises are liable to infection. Achen almost all premises, and a number of Government vessels have been infected.

FOOTBALL MATCH.

A football match was played this afternoon between two teams representing the Public Schools and The Club respectively. The Public Schools appeared to have the stronger team and they managed to keep the ball mostly in their opponent's ground. The match, however, was very keenly contested; some capital runs being made on both sides. (When time was called the Public Schools had three tries to nothing. The following are the names of the players—

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

R. K. Brown, (Glendon),
M. D. Graham, (Hallebury),
H. N. Thompson, (Trinity Col., Dublin),
W. Washington, (Cheltenham),
N. R. S. Crawford, (Wilton),
C. S. Fritchard, (Marlborough),
R. N. Brooks, (Osp., Wellington College),
G. A. Laurier, (Eton),
C. A. Brimwell, (Marlborough),
Capt. Crompton, (Rugby School),
H. C. McKelvie, (Cambridge),
H. D. Macdonald, (Glendon),
H. Brooke, (Oilton),
G. H. Potts, (Harrow),
N. G. Mitchell, (Repton).

THE CLUB (BLACK) PLAYERS.

H. Haylar,
D. Sanders,
C. A. Cornish,
J. Gow,
P. B. S. Smith,
J. D. Anderson,
D. St. J. Bullard,
J. H. S. Lockhart,
P. B. S. Smith,
H. G. Smith.

The Reported Submission of the Formosan Savages.

A good deal has been heard during the past year, or so, of the success which is said to have been achieved by the new Governor of Formosa, Liu Ming-shan, in inducing or coercing the aborigines of the island into submission. Repeated allusions to the advance of civilisation among the savages have been made by our Shanghai contemporaries, and the Governor himself has industriously assisted, by means of memorials in the *Peking Gazette*, in propagating what can be termed as little better than a boast. In one of the July issues of the *Peking Gazette*, Liu even went so far as to specifically state that he had happily been able, with a few subordinate officers, to bring over no less than 400 villages, 70,000 people and 20,000 mu of land. This, he boastfully added, he had accomplished without the addition of a single soldier to his force, or increase of expenditure. His memorial concluded with a promise to return to the work in the autumn. The boast would no doubt have been acceptable if it had been correct, but unfortunately for Liu's veracity and the cause of truth, the statement on which the Governor's boast is made, is according to unimpeachable authority, absolutely incorrect. We are informed by a gentleman who has had exceptional opportunities of knowing the facts of the case, that the present momentous submission of the Formosan savages, so far as at least as independence is concerned, as they did before Liu Ming-shan arrived, that his victorious troops have been beaten along the line, and that in fact the savages have not only refused to submit, but have taken up arms against the Chinese troops. Liu has loaded them with presents for which he has received no return. Probably this generous treatment will have its effect and bring forth a rich harvest in time. In the meantime, Liu Ming-shan's boasted conquests are a mere myth, and a fact which before long will become more widely known. The renewal of operations promised by Liu took place in October and November, and the cause of these would seem to have been very different from the patriotic motives which are proclaimed by Liu himself. According to the people of the Tahan district, where the principal conflict took place, an official of the neighbourhood who rendered some substantial service during the autumn of the last year, was promised a piece of land some distance inland from Tahan in the aboriginal territory. Tahan is situated on the North Bank of the Tahan River, on the west coast of the island. In order to fulfil this promise, the Governor sent an armed force of about 15,000 men, composed of imperial troops and auxiliaries, took up their headquarters at Tahan, and commenced operations against the aborigines, who refused to submit. Liu's troops, with great difficulty, managed to force a way for 20 miles from Tahan, constructing fortified posts at short intervals as they moved along. Further progress, however, they could not make, or were afraid to make, and the harassing guerrilla tactics of the savages, who pounced down upon their camps from time to time, soon wearied the military commanders. At night, about dark, the troops used to fire two large guns which they had brought with them, to frighten the savages, but the savages would not be so easily frightened by any such simple means, and maintained during the five or six weeks the troops were stationed there, a most annoying resistance. Altogether, the Chinese are said to have lost between 600 and 700 men. Many of these were shot by their Chinese comrades in mistake while fighting in parties among the hills. After these things had gone on in this manner for about a month and a half, the Chinese called in 300 or 400 Sikhon aborigines, who have become partially civilized. These were induced to come from the village of Tahan, on the pretext of being used as a body-guard to Liu, but in reality to be used as a buffer between the savages and Chinese. Soon after, Liu managed to get an audience of some of the savage chiefs, and tried to terrify them into submission. Ultimately, however, he gave them numerous rewards and made them all promises of promises, and reward and protection if they would quietly return to their own villages and become faithful subjects of the Emperor. Naturally, the savages accepted these gracious terms willingly, and soon after Liu ordered his camp to be struck. The moment this order was given, the savages departed pell mell, leaving immense stores of rice and other materials, which were quickly annexed by the Chinese. Those supplies had been brought by steamers, several of which called at Lokang while the fighting was going on. Altogether, therefore, a large amount of money must have been spent on an expedition which has practically accomplished nothing, for though the aborigines may have acknowledged the imperial authority, it will be as dangerous as ever for Chinese to venture into the aboriginal territory; the aborigines themselves will not be under any Chinese control, nor will they render anything in the shape of an important tax, and the fact is fully recognised among the well-informed Chinese residents of Formosa, who characterise the reports of Liu's doings in language more forcible than polite.

Liu is intensely unpopular among his countrymen on the island on account of the excessive taxation he has imposed, or tried to impose, on every hand. His throning of the sugar trade for a while is pretty generally known, but it is not so well known that about time ago he proposed to raise funds for the building of a provincial city at Chung-hwa by a heavy tax on tea in the towns and villages nearest to this spot. The people in Lokang immediately shut their houses against his proclamation. Other acts of a similar nature have made him very unpopular, and if he does not mend his ways, there may soon be serious trouble.

LATE INDIAN TELEGRAMS.

We take the following telegrams from the *Bengal Gazette*—

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.
London, 27th January.—Parliament was opened to-day by Royal Commission. Her Majesty, in her speech from the Throne, which was read by the Lord Chamberlain, said:—My relations with all Foreign Powers continue to be friendly. Affairs in South Eastern Europe are still in an unsettled state, but I do not apprehend that any disturbance of the peace is to be feared. My relations with all Foreign Powers continue to be friendly. Affairs in South Eastern Europe are still in an unsettled state, but I do not apprehend that any disturbance of the peace is to be feared. My relations with all Foreign Powers continue to be friendly. Affairs in South Eastern Europe are still in an unsettled state, but I do not apprehend that any disturbance of the peace is to be feared.

THE LIVERPOOL ELECTION.
London, 27th January.—The following is the result of the polling for the election of a representative of the Exchange Division of Liverpool, returned vacant by the death of Mr. D. Duncan (Glasgowian Liberal). Mr. Ralph Neville (Liberal) 3222. The Rev. Hon. Mr. George Goschen (Unionist Liberal) 3211.

THE ATTACK ON MASSOWAH.
Sudan, 25th January.—News has been received here that an attack had been made on Massowah by Abyssinians under Ras Alula, in which the Italian loss was five killed and the Abyssinians two hundred.

ROME, 27th January.—Large reinforcements of Italian troops are under orders to proceed to Massowah; and two Italian corvettes also have been ordered to the Chamber of Deputies. In the Chamber of Deputies, Mr. De Sola, Minister for Foreign Affairs, announced that there was no need for anxiety concerning the Italian position at that place was very strong, and no danger to the troops who were holding out was apparent.

GERMANY AND FRANCE.
Paris, 25th January.—The statement made by the London *Daily News*, respecting the relations between France and Germany have been officially denied here.

BERLIN, 25th January.—It is officially denied here that there was any agreement made by the London *Daily News*, respecting the relations between France and Germany.

BERLIN, 25th January.—A decree has been issued by the German Government forbidding the export of horses.

THE EVACUATION OF TAMATAVE.
Paris, 25th January.—Advice received from Madagascar, says that the French Government has evacuated Tamatave in conformity with the treaty of peace of 17th December 1885, between France and Madagascar.

THE BOLIVIAN DEBT.
Lima, 25th January.—Mr. Zankoff has conferred with all the Envoys of the Powers here, except Sir William White, who will receive him later on. The Envoys have advised Mr. Zankoff to come to an agreement with the other parties in Bulgaria.

JOHN ROBERTS' MOVEMENTS.
London, 25th January.—General Sir Frederick Roberts leaves Burma, on the 26th proximo, arriving at Calcutta on the 10th. After staying for about a week in the Presidency, he proceeds to Northern India, going into camp for a week at Unbala, on the 24th. Captain Hume, A.D.C., remains behind in Burma for a short time.

THE ENGLISHMAN'S DEATH.
The Englishman who died in the Victoria was a native of India, and was a very young man. His Excellency will probably leave early in March, proceeding almost directly to Lahore, where there is some idea of holding a great Jubilee Darbar.

THE LADY DUFFIN FUND.
The Lady Duffin Fund meeting in the Town Hall to-day was largely attended. The Victoria made an appeal for further contributions. The Fund has now 24 lakhs, and to carry out the objects of the Association five lakhs are required. His Excellency's speech was listened with deep interest. He said that if they had not been successful, they would probably have been very successful. The Hon. Mr. Bailey, Sir Rivers Thompson and the Hon. Mr. Oriskany were among the other speakers.

CALCUTTA, 27th January. The Victoria, in a speech yesterday, said:—The

tion of his successor, until the stage is arrived at which my seat is required, in accordance with the terms of the Treaty of Berlin.

The task I have undertaken in Egypt is as yet unfinished, but a substantial advance has been made by the assurance of Internal and External quietude.

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